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Re: Application No. 10/605,574

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MESSAGE:

Please file the attached Applicant Initiated Interview Request for the above-referenced patent application.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: PAULSEN, et al.

Application No.: 10/605,574

Filed: October 9, 2003

Title: UNIVERSAL KEY SECURITY
METHOD AND SYSTEM

Attorney Docket No.: IGT1P102

Examiner: Vernal U. Brown

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APPLICANT INITIATED INTERVIEW REQUEST FORM

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Tentative Participants:

- 1) Justin A. White
- 3) Examiner Brown

- 2) Keith D. Moore, IGT
- 4) Supervisory Examiner?

Proposed Date of Interview: 01/17/2006

Proposed Time: 2:00 PM

Type of Interview Requested:

☐ Telephone☒ Personal☐ Video ConferenceExhibit to be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes☒ No

If yes, provide brief description:

ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc.)	Claims/ Fig., #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
1) §112 rejections	1-10, 37	none	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2) §102 rejections	24-25, 28-30	Lerchner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3) §103 rejections	1-23, 26-27, 31-47	Lerchner, LeMay, Bradford, Gokcebay, Gatto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ARGUMENTS TO BE PRESENTED:

1a) An electromechanical item is still "mechanical," such that use of this broader term is proper. It is not necessary for Applicants to include every detail of an invention in a claim.

1b) "Any other step" refers to any other step in the claim.

2) Lerncher does not teach a "second source of indicia with respect to the user of the mechanical key," at least in the sense that Applicants are claiming.

3a) Lerchner does not teach PIN information stored in the key, as stated in the Office Action.

3b) Bradford does not teach embedding biometric identification information in a key, as stated in the Office Action. An RFID tag in a key fob is not the same as or similar to biometric information in a key. Further, neither Bradford nor any of the recited prior art teaches or suggests putting a biometric reading device on a mechanical key.

3c) Appropriate motivations to combine references have not been provided, and many of the recited references are from non-analogous arts.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on

*Note: This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP §713.01). This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 C.F.R. 1.33(b)) as soon as possible.

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative)
Signature)

(Examiner/SPE Signature)